

The National Cancer Institute Cancer Centers Program

The Cancer Centers Program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) supports major academic and research institutions throughout the United States to sustain broad-based, coordinated, interdisciplinary programs in cancer research. These institutions are characterized by scientific excellence and the capability to integrate a diversity of research approaches to focus on the problem of cancer. The NCI and its Cancer Centers Program are dedicated to the advancement of cancer research to ultimately impact on the reduction of cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality.

Several cancer centers existed in the late 1960s, but it was the National Cancer Act of 1971 that strengthened the program by authorizing the establishment of 15 new cancer centers while continuing to support existing ones. The passage of the Act also dramatically transformed the centers' structure and broadened the scope of their mission to include all aspects of basic, clinical, and cancer control research. Today, 60 NCI-designated cancer centers continue to work toward creating new and innovative approaches to cancer research. Through interdisciplinary efforts, cancer centers can effectively move this research from the laboratory into clinical trials (research studies with people) and finally into clinical practice.



NCI-designated cancer centers may be a freestanding operation, a center within an academic institution, or a formal consortium under centralized leadership. But all NCI-designated cancer centers must meet the same scientific, organizational, and administrative criteria.

Cancer centers seeking NCI-designation must first apply for an NCI Cancer Center Support grant. Application for NCI-designation is voluntary and is awarded through a peer-review process. Institutes that are awarded the grant are then recognized as NCI-designated. All NCI-designated cancer centers receive substantial financial support from NCI grants and are reevaluated each time their Cancer Center Support grant comes up for renewal (generally every 3 to 5 years).

The NCI recognizes two types of centers: **Cancer Centers** and **Comprehensive Cancer Centers**. Each type of center has special characteristics and capabilities for organizing new programs of research that can take advantage of important new findings and address timely research questions. It is important to note, however, that the terms NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and NCI-designated Cancer Center do not denote a difference in the quality of care they provide to patients.

Facilities designated **Cancer Centers** generally conduct a combination of basic, population sciences, and clinical research, and are encouraged to stimulate collaborative research involving more than one field of study. Several of these centers conduct only laboratory research and do not provide patient care. The NCI-designated Cancer Centers that do provide patient care are also expected to conduct early phase, innovative clinical trials and to participate in the NCI cooperative groups. (More information about the Institute's cooperative group program can be

found in the NCI fact sheet *NCI's Clinical Trials Cooperative Group Program*, which is available at [http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/NCI clinical-trials-cooperative-group](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/NCI%20clinical-trials-cooperative-group) on the Internet.)

NCI-designated **Comprehensive Cancer Centers** conduct research and provide services directly to cancer patients. These facilities must demonstrate expertise in each of three areas: laboratory, clinical, and behavioral and population-based research. Comprehensive Cancer Centers are expected to initiate and conduct early phase, innovative clinical trials and to participate in the NCI's cooperative groups by providing leadership and recruiting patients for trials. Comprehensive Cancer Centers must also conduct activities in outreach and education, and provide information on advances in healthcare for both healthcare professionals and the public.

Below is a list of the NCI-designated cancer centers. Additional information about the Cancer Centers Program can be found on the Cancer Centers Branch Web site at <http://www3.cancer.gov/cancercenters/> on the Internet.

Cancer Centers (° denotes facilities that are strictly laboratories and do not provide patient services) and Comprehensive* Cancer Centers Supported by NCI**

Information about referral procedures, treatment costs, and services available to patients can be obtained by contacting the individual cancer centers listed below.

ALABAMA

University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Address: 1824 Sixth Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35294-3300
Telephone: 205-975-8222
1-800-822-0933 (1-800-UAB-0933)
Internet Web site: <http://www3.ccc.uab.edu/>

ARIZONA

Arizona Cancer Center*

Address: The University of Arizona
1515 North Campbell Avenue
Post Office Box 245024
Tucson, AZ 85724
Telephone: 520-626-2900 (New Patient Registration Line)
1-800-622-2673 (1-800-622-COPE)
Internet Web site: <http://www.azcc.arizona.edu/>
E-mail: copeline@azcc.arizona.edu

Mayo Clinic Cancer Center—Scottsdale*

Address: 13400 East Shea Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85259
Telephone: 480-301-8484 or 480-301-1735
(Appointment Office)
Internet Web site: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/cancercenter/>

CALIFORNIA

The Burnham Institute°**

Address: 10901 North Torrey Pines Road
La Jolla, CA 92037
Telephone: 858-646-3100
Internet Web site: <http://www.burnhaminstitute.org/>

Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Address: University of California, Irvine
Building 23, Route 81
101 The City Drive
Orange, CA 92868
Telephone: 714-456-8200
Internet Web site: <http://www.ucihs.uci.edu/cancer/>

City of Hope*

Address: Cancer Center and Beckman Research Institute
1500 East Duarte Road
Duarte, CA 91010-3000
Telephone: 626-256-4673 (626-256-HOPE)
1-800-826-4673 (1-800-826-HOPE)
Internet Web site: <http://www.cityofhope.org/>
E-mail: becomingapatient@coh.org

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Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA*

Address: 8-684 Factor Building
UCLA Box 951781
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1781
Telephone: 310-825-5268
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.mednet.ucla.edu/>
E-mail: jcccinfo@mednet.ucla.edu

UC Davis Cancer Center**

Address: University of California, Davis
4501 X Street
Sacramento, CA 95817
Telephone: 1-800-362-5566 (Patient Referral)
916-734-5900
Internet Web site: <http://cancer.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/>

**Rebecca and John Moores University of California, San Diego
Cancer Center***

Address: 9500 Gilman Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093-0658
Telephone: 858-534-7600
Internet Web site: <http://cancer.ucsd.edu>

The Salk Institute for Biological Studies°**

Address: Post Office Box 85800
10010 North Torrey Pines Road
La Jolla, CA 92037
Telephone: 858-453-4100
Internet Web site: <http://www.salk.edu/>

**University of California, San Francisco Comprehensive Cancer
Center***

Address: Box 0128, UCSF
1600 Divisadero Street
San Francisco, CA 94143-0128
Telephone: 1-800-888-8664 (Cancer referral line)
Internet Web site: <http://cc.ucsf.edu/>
E-mail: referral.center@ucsfmedicalcenter.org

USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital*

Address: 1441 Eastlake Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90033-0804
Telephone: 323-865-3000
1-800-872-2273 (1-800-USC-CARE)
Internet Web site: <http://ccnt.hsc.usc.edu/>
E-mail: cainfo@ccnt.hsc.usc.edu (For general information)

COLORADO**University of Colorado Cancer Center***

Address: Anschutz Cancer Pavilion
Box F-704
1665 North Ursula Street
Aurora, CO 80010
Telephone: 720-848-0300
1-800-473-2288 (Cancer referral line)
Internet Web site: <http://www.uccc.info/>

CONNECTICUT**Yale Cancer Center***

Address: Yale University School of Medicine
333 Cedar Street
Post Office Box 208028
New Haven, CT 06520-8028
Telephone: 203-785-4095 (Administrative Offices)
Internet Web site: <http://www.info.med.yale.edu/ycc/>

**DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA****Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center***

Address: Georgetown University Medical Center
3800 Reservoir Road, NW.
Washington, DC 20057
Telephone: 202-444-4000
Internet Web site: <http://lombardi.georgetown.edu/>

FLORIDA**H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute at the
University of South Florida***

Address: 12902 Magnolia Drive
Tampa, FL 33612-9497
Telephone: 813-972-4673 (813-972-HOPE)
1-800-456-3434
Internet Web site: <http://www.moffitt.usf.edu/>

Mayo Clinic Cancer Center—Jacksonville*

Address: 4500 San Pablo Road
Jacksonville, FL 32224
Telephone: 904-953-2272
904-953-2300 (TTD hearing-impaired line)
Internet Web site: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/cancercenter/>

HAWAII**Cancer Research Center of Hawaii****

Address: 1236 Lauhala Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
Telephone: 808-586-3010
Internet Web site: <http://www.crch.org>

ILLINOIS

The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Address: Northwestern University
Olson Pavilion 8250
303 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
Telephone: 312-908-5250
1-866-587-4322 (1-866-LURIE-CC)
(Appointment Line)
Internet Web site: <http://cancer.northwestern.edu/home/index.cfm>
E-mail: cancer@northwestern.edu

University of Chicago Cancer Research Center**

Address: Mail Code 2115
5841 South Maryland Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637-1470
Telephone: 773-702-9200
1-888-824-0200 (For new patients)
Internet Web site: <http://uccrc.uchicago.edu/current/home.html>

INDIANA

Indiana University Cancer Center**

Address: 535 Barnhill Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5289
Telephone: 317-278-4822
1-888-600-4822
Internet Web site: <http://iucc.iu.edu>

Purdue Cancer Center°**

Address : Hansen Life Sciences Research Building
Purdue University
201 South University Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2064
Telephone: 765-494-9129
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.purdue.edu/>

IOWA

The Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at The University of Iowa*

Address: Room 5970-Z JPP
200 Hawkins Drive
Iowa City, IA 52242-1009
Telephone: 1-800-777-8442 (Patient referral)
1-800-237-1225 (For general information)
Internet Web site: <http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/cancercenter/>
E-mail: Cancer-Center@uiowa.edu

MAINE**The Jackson Laboratory**°**

Address: 600 Main Street
Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0800
Telephone: 207-288-6000 (main)
207-288-6051 (public information)
Internet Web site: <http://www.jax.org/>
E-mail: pubinfo@jax.org

MARYLAND**Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins***

Address: The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building
Suite 1100
401 North Broadway
Baltimore, MD 21231-2410
Telephone: 410-955-8964 (Patient referral)
410-955-8804 (Clinical trials)
Internet Web site: <http://www.hopkinskimmeltcancercenter.org>

MASSACHUSETTS**Dana-Farber Cancer Institute***

Address: 44 Binney Street
Boston, MA 02115
Telephone: 1-866-408-3324 (1-866-408-DFCI)
Internet Web site: <http://www.dana-farber.org/>

MIT Center for Cancer Research°**

Address: Room E17-110
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139-4307
Telephone: 617-253-8511
Internet Web site: <http://web.mit.edu/ccr/index.html>

MICHIGAN**Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute***

Operating the Meyer L. Prentis Comprehensive Cancer Center of
Metropolitan Detroit

Address: Wertz Clinical Cancer Center
4100 John R Street
Detroit, MI 48201-1379
Telephone: 1-800-527-6266 (1-800-KARMANOS)
Internet Web site: <http://www.karmanos.org/>
E-mail: info@karmanos.org

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University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Address: 1500 East Medical Center Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0944
Telephone: 1-800-865-1125 (Cancer Answer Line)
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/>
E-mail: wwwcancer@umich.edu

MINNESOTA

Mayo Clinic Cancer Center*

Address: 200 First Street, SW.
Rochester, MN 55905
Telephone: 507-284-2111 (Central Appointment Office)
Internet Web site: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/cancercenter/>

University of Minnesota Cancer Center*

Address: Mayo Mail Code 806
420 Delaware Street, SE.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Telephone: 612-624-8484
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.umn.edu/>
E-mail: info@cancer.umn.edu

MISSOURI

Siteman Cancer Center*

Address: Barnes-Jewish Hospital and
Washington University School of Medicine
Box 8100
660 South Euclid Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110-1093
Telephone: 314-747-7222
1-800-600-3606
Internet Web site: <http://www.siteman.wustl.edu/>

NEBRASKA

UNMC Eppley Cancer Center**

Address: University of Nebraska Medical Center
986805 Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, NE 68198-6805
Telephone: 402-559-4238
Internet Web site: <http://www.unmc.edu/cancercenter/>

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Norris Cotton Cancer Center*

Address: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
One Medical Center Drive
Lebanon, NH 03756-0002
Telephone: 603-653-9000 (Administration)
1-800-639-6918 (Cancer Help Line)
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.dartmouth.edu/index.shtml>
E-mail: cancerhelp@dartmouth.edu

NEW JERSEY

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey*

Address: 195 Little Albany Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08903-2681
Telephone: 732-235-2465 (732-235-CINJ)
Internet Web site: <http://www.cinj.org>

NEW YORK

Albert Einstein Cancer Center**

Address: Albert Einstein College of Medicine
1300 Morris Park Avenue
Bronx, NY 10461
Telephone: 718-430-2302
Internet Web site: <http://www.aecom.yu.edu/cancer>
E-mail: aeccc@aecom.yu.edu

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory*°**

Address: Post Office Box 100
1 Bungtown Road
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
Telephone: 516-367-8397
Internet Web site: <http://www.cshl.org/>

Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Address: New York-Presbyterian Hospital
Columbia University Medical Center
PH 18, Room 200
622 West 168th Street
New York, NY 10032
Telephone: 1-877-697-9355 (1-877-NYP-WELL)
1-800-227-2762 (Physician Referral)
Internet Web site: <http://www.ccc.columbia.edu/>

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center*

Address: 1275 York Avenue
New York, NY 10021
Telephone: 1-800-525-2225
Internet Web site: <http://www.mskcc.org/>

NYU Cancer Institute**

Address: New York University Cancer Institute
550 First Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Telephone: 212-263-6485
Internet Web site: <http://www.nyucancerinstitute.org>

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Roswell Park Cancer Institute*

Address: Elm and Carlton Streets
Buffalo, NY 14263-0001
Telephone: 1-800-767-9355 (1-800-ROSWELL)
Internet Web site: <http://www.roswellpark.org/>

**NORTH
CAROLINA**

Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University*

Address: Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center
Medical Center Boulevard
Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1082
Telephone: 336-716-4464
Internet Web site: <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/cancer>

Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Address: Duke University Medical Center
Box 3843
301 MSRB
Durham, NC 27710
Telephone: 919-684-3377
1-888-275-3853 (1-888-ASK-DUKE)
(Consultation and Referral Center)
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.duke.edu>

UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Address: School of Medicine
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Campus Box 7295
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7295
Telephone: 919-966-3036
Internet Web site: <http://cancer.med.unc.edu/>
E-mail: dgs@med.unc.edu

OHIO

Ireland Cancer Center*

Address: University Hospitals HealthSystem
11100 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44106-5065
Telephone: 216-844-5432
1-800-641-2422
Internet Web site: <http://www.irelandcancercenter.org>

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The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Address: The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and
Richard J. Solove Research Institute
Suite 519
300 West 10th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210-1240

Telephone: 1-800-293-5066 (The James Line)

Internet Web site: <http://www.jamesline.com>

E-mail: cancerinfo@jamesline.com

OREGON**OHSU Cancer Institute****

Address: The Oregon Health Sciences University Cancer
Institute
CR 145
3181 Southwest Sam Jackson Park Road
Portland, OR 97239-3098

Telephone: 503-494-1617
1-800-494-1234

Internet Web site: <http://www.ohsucancer.com/>

E-mail: cancer@ohsu.edu

PENNSYLVANIA**Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania***

Address: 15th Floor, Penn Tower
3400 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104-4283

Telephone: 215-662-4000 (Main number)
1-800-789-7366 (Referral and to schedule an
appointment) (1-800-789-PENN)

Internet Web site: <http://www.penncancer.org>

Fox Chase Cancer Center*

Address: 333 Cottman Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19111-2497

Telephone: 215-728-2570 (To schedule an appointment)
1-888-369-2427 (1-888-FOX CHASE)

Internet Web site: <http://www.fccc.edu/>

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Kimmel Cancer Center**

Address: Thomas Jefferson University
Blue Nile Life Sciences Building
233 South 10th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5541
Telephone: 1-888-955-1212
1-800-533-3669 (Jefferson Cancer Network)
(1-800-JEFF-NOW)
Internet Web site: <http://www.kimmelcancercenter.org>

University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute*

Address: 5150 Centre Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232
Telephone: 412-647-2811
Internet Web site: <http://www.upci.upmc.edu/>
E-mail: PCI-INFO@upmc.edu

Wistar Institute°**

Address: 3601 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Telephone: 215-898-3700
Internet Web site: <http://www.wistar.org/>

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St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**

Address: 332 North Lauderdale Street
Memphis, TN 38105-2794
Telephone: 901-495-3300
Internet Web site: <http://www.stjude.org>

The Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center*

Address: Vanderbilt University
691 Preston Building
Nashville, TN 37232-6838
Telephone: 615-936-1782
615-936-5847 or 1-800-811-8480 (Clinical trial
or treatment option information)
1-888-488-4089 (All other calls)
Internet Web site: <http://www.vicc.org/>

TEXAS

San Antonio Cancer Institute**

Address: 7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229
Telephone: 210-567-2710
Internet Web site: <http://saci.uthscsa.edu>

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The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center*

Address: 1515 Holcombe Boulevard
Houston, TX 77030

Telephone: 713-792-6161
1-800-392-1611

Internet Web site: <http://www.mdanderson.org/>

UTAH**Huntsman Cancer Institute****

Address: University of Utah
2000 Circle of Hope
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Telephone: 801-585-0303
1-877-585-0303

Internet Web site: <http://www.hci.utah.edu/>

VERMONT**Vermont Cancer Center***

Address: University of Vermont
Farrell Hall
210 Colchester Avenue
Burlington, VT 05405

Telephone: 802-656-4414

Internet Web site: <http://www.vermontcancer.org>

E-mail: vcc@uvm.edu

VIRGINIA**Massey Cancer Center****

Address: Virginia Commonwealth University
401 College Street
Post Office Box 980037
Richmond, VA 23298-0037

Telephone: 804-828-0450

Internet Web site: <http://www.vcu.edu/mcc/>

The Cancer Center at The University of Virginia**

Address: University of Virginia Health System
Box 800334
Charlottesville, VA 22908

Telephone: 434-924-9333
1-800-223-9173

Internet Web site: <http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/cancer/>

WASHINGTON**Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center***

Address: LA-205
Post Office Box 19024
1100 Fairview Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109-1024
Telephone: 206-288-1024 or 1-800-804-8824 (Appointments
and medical referral—Seattle Cancer Care Alliance)
Internet Web site: <http://www.fhcrc.org/>
E-mail: hutchdoc@seattlecca.org (Patient information)

WISCONSIN**University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center***

Address: 600 Highland Avenue, K5/601
Madison, WI 53792-6164
Telephone: 608-263-8600
608-262-5223 (Cancer Connect)
1-800-622-8922 (Cancer Connect)
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.wisc.edu>
E-mail: uwccc@uwcc.wisc.edu

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Related Resources**Publications (available at <http://www.cancer.gov/publications>)**

- National Cancer Institute Fact Sheet 1.3, *Community Clinical Oncology Program: Questions and Answers*
- National Cancer Institute Fact Sheet 1.4, *NCI's Clinical Trials Cooperative Group Program*
- National Cancer Institute Fact Sheet 1.22, *Cancer Studies at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center: Questions and Answers*
- National Cancer Institute Fact Sheet 2.11, *Clinical Trials: Questions and Answers*
- National Cancer Institute Fact Sheet 7.47, *How To Find a Doctor or Treatment Facility If You Have Cancer*
- *Taking Part in Clinical Trials: What Cancer Patients Need To Know*

National Cancer Institute (NCI) Resources

Cancer Information Service (toll-free)

Telephone: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

TTY: 1-800-332-8615

Online

NCI's Web site: <http://www.cancer.gov>

LiveHelp, NCI's live online assistance:

<https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/livehelp/welcome.asp>

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